



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2009

26 Members and 1 guest in attendance Jerry Head, Donna Warren, Robert Emery, Foster Sires, John Kopp, John-Paul Kopp, Donald Happy, Ted Nelson, Charles Kraft, Paul Payne, Ira Hunter, Clyde Woodson, Ed Backstrom, Mike Edwards, Melvin Johnston, Bob Beeks, Tom Viviano, Ray Merrill, Jim Rieck, Sam Leonard, Larry Allen, Mac Williams, Paul Ellison, LeRoy Coe, John Gibbs, and Bud McGinnis.

Vice Commander Jerry Head opened the meeting in due form at 19:00 HRS.

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer.

Vice Commander Jerry Head led the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Preamble.

LeRoy Coe made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Don Happy seconded the motion and the motion failed.

Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes from the February Meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Post finance report for last month. The report was approved as given.

Sickness and Distress:

Mac Williams said that he needed a ride to his dentist appointment. Ira Hunter said that he would give Mac a ride.

Honor Team: No Report

Oratorical Contest: John Kopp reported that the girl from Pembroke School that had won the zone contest had won the Department contest and was going to the National Contest in Indianapolis.

John Kopp also talked about giving scholarships instead of a cash prize to the area contest winner in order to remain legal.

Finance Officer Don Happy asked if that was the reason the check that was given to this years contestant had not been cashed yet. John Kopp replied probably not and that the young man may be waiting for the new school year to begin.

Girls State: John Kopp reported that Auxiliary Unit 95 was sending six (6) girls to this year Missouri Girls State session. John talked about Post 95 sponsoring three (3) Girls State Candidates. The Unit was sending three (3) from Staley High School and two (2) from Liberty High School.

Boys State: Robert Emery reported that he had received four (4) Boys State Applications from Liberty High School. Robert Emery talked about receiving sponsorship monies from Liberty Sertoma Club for two (2) boys, Liberty Lions Club for one (1) boy, Liberty Kiwanis and Liberty High School Key Club splitting sponsorship on one (1) boy, VFW Post 4043 donated three hundred dollars towards sponsorship of a boy.

John Kopp made a motion to add fifty dollars (\$50) to the VFW money and Post 95 sponsor one boy at three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) and sponsor two boys from Excelsior Springs Post, since they are having financial difficulties. John-Paul Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

John Kopp talked about meeting with Bettie Rusher and Jim Whitfield of Missouri Boys State. And that any one interested could go and visit Missouri Boys State to see it all happen.

Membership: 2nd Vice Commander Ted Nelson reported we had only received one (1) renewal in the



mail. Vice Commander Jerry Head said that Jerry Pate had a American Legion application that was left at the bar.

Vice Commander Jerry Head presented Dillard “Bud” McGinnis with his sixty year continuous membership certificate.

Spaghetti Dinner: Larry Allen talked about the crew for the dinner and serving options because of the new sneeze guard. The time to star cooking was set at 09:30 HRS and 13:00 HRS for setup.

Paul Ellison made a motion to purchase supplies to make an extension cord for the steam table.

Foster Sires seconded the motion. Jim Riech said that he probably had every thing needed to make the extension cord. Paul Ellison withdrew his motion.

Don Happy talked about having raffle and dinner tickets left to sell.

Vice Commander Jerry Head read a request for donations to the Liberty High School After Prom Party. John Kopp made a motion to donate one hundred dollars (\$100) to the After Prom Party.

John-Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

BINGO: Don Happy reminded everyone about BINGO on Thursday the twenty sixth (26th) and that he would be bringing the snacks.

Vice Commander Jerry Head read the itinerary for the National Commanders visit to Missouri.

John Kopp reported the next District Meeting would be April nineteenth (19th) in Bethany. With the Dinner starting at noon and the meeting starting at 13:00 HRS.

SAL: John Kopp talked about Post 61 trying to get their SAL unit re-chartered so would like to help support them and not start a unit at Post 95 in competition with them.

Larry Allen thanked Robert Emery for donating the spaghetti for the dinner.

Paul Ellison said that Bill Bland had donated several canned hams for door prizes.

Larry Allen reported that SONIC would only donate paper products because of lawsuits because fo food problems.

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the closing prayer.

Vice Commander Jerry Head closed the meeting in due form at 19:45 HRS.

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
Ray Nichols - Commander